

1 Q. **Projects over \$50,000 but Less Than \$200,000**

2 Tab 29 Replace Vehicles and Aerial Devices:

3 Why did Hydro limit its gathering of established replacement criteria for other
4 utilities to only three Atlantic electric utilities?

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7 A. Hydro solicited information from ATCO Electric, Hydro Quebec, New Brunswick
8 Power, and Nova Scotia Power across Canada and received responses from three of
9 the Atlantic utilities. When Hydro reviewed the replacement criteria, it found the
10 Atlantic utilities have similar issues with maintenance and deterioration of their
11 fleets because of the harsh Eastern environment and shortage of service providers.
12 These issues reduce the reliability and life expectancy of Hydro's fleets. Utilities like
13 Hydro Quebec, Ontario Hydro, and other central Canada utilities have a greater
14 number of service providers to maintain their fleet and do not have the salt issues
15 that Hydro experiences.